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SINCE EGYPTIAN WEEKLY ROSE AL YOUSSEF IS DISTRIBUTED OUTSIDE OF  
EGYPT, ADDRESSEES MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY CAIRO PRESS  
RELEASE CONCERNING STORY IN ISSUE OF MAGAZINE THAT APPEARED  
FEBRUARY 20. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OUR RELEASE DATED FEBRUARY 22:

"AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN ROSE AL YOUSSEF HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY PURPORTING TO BE A REPORT OF A DISCUSSION IN DETROIT ON MARCH 24, 1976, CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN EGYPT. THE REPORT FURTHER ALLEGES THAT MR. EDWIN YEO, WHO WAS UNDER SECRETARY OF TREASURY AT THAT TIME, REPRESENTED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN THIS MEETING. THE ROSE AL YOUSSEF STORY IS A TOTAL FABRICATION. DURING HIS TENURE AS UNDER SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, FROM AUGUST 1975 TO JANUARY 1977, MR. YEO NEVER MADE A SPEECH ON EGYPT BEFORE ANY GROUP. ON MARCH 24, 1976, MR. YEO WAS IN FACT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. THE EMBASSY HAS A COPY OF THE ALLEGED DOCUMENT ON WHICH ROSE AL YOUSSEF BASED ITS STORY. AN EXAMINATION OF THIS DOCUMENT SHOWS IT TO BE AN OBVIOUS AND CLUMSY FORGERY. THE DOCUMENT IS A PURPORTED USIS ATHENS PRESS RELEASE DATED APRIL 26, 1976, WHICH CLAIMS TO GIVE THE TEXT OF A SPEECH BY THE THEN TREASURY UNDER SECRETARY EDWIN YEO BEFORE THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB ON MARCH 24, 1976. MR. YEO HAS NEVER SPOKEN BEFORE THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB ON ANY SUBJECT. THE FORGED DOCUMENT ALSO CLAIMS THAT MR. YEO ACCOMPANIED SECRETARY SIMON ON HIS MARCH 1976 VISIT TO EGYPT WHEN IN FACT MR. YEO HAS NEVER BEEN TO EGYPT. USIS ATHENS DID NOT ISSUE THIS DOCUMENT. THERE IS ADDITIONAL INTRINSIC EVIDENCE THAT THIS IS A CRUDE FORGERY: FOR EXAMPLE, THE DOCUMENT HAS A "RESTRICTED" STAMP ON ITS TITLE PAGE WHICH NEITHER USIS NOR ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT USES. FURTHERMORE, USIS ATHENS WOULD NOT ISSUE DOCUMENTS CONCERNING U.S.- EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. IN ADDITION, THE CONTENT, FORMAT, AND CURIOUS METHOD OF DIS-

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TRIBUTION (BY MAIL FROM ATHENS) ALL ATTEST TO THE QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN OF THE DOCUMENT AND THE MOTIVATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE CIRCULATED IT. IT IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO POISON U.S.-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, AND IT IS IN OBVIOUS CONTRADICTION TO THE WELL KNOWN AND EXTENSIVE SUPPORT WHICH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING TO THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT SADAT, MOST RECENTLY BY THE \$500 MILLION ASSISTANCE PACKAGE ANNOUNCED IN FEBRUARY, 1977. U.S. ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAS TOTALLED ALMOST \$2 BILLION AND IS THE LARGEST SINGLE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN THE WORLD."

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